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DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE
Security Committee

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25X1A MEMORANDUM FOR: [] Colonel, USA
Deputy Assistant Director for
Security Services
Defense Intelligence Agency

25X1A FROM: []
Chairman

SUBJECT: Foreign Disclosure Policy (U)

REFERENCE: Your memorandum to C/SECOM, dated
21 July 1980; Same Subject

1. After looking into the issue raised by reference, I find that action was not taken by the Chairman, Sanitization and Decompartmentation Working Group (SDWG), COMIREX, but rather by the Central Intelligence Agency Senior Intelligence Officer, (CIA/SIO), acting for the Director of Central Intelligence (DCI). (U)

2. While there is no change in foreign disclosure policy at this moment, the DCI, on 21 July 1980, wrote to the Secretary of State and the Assistant to the President for National Security Affairs on the matter of foreign release of intelligence [] expressing his concern that under current National Disclosure Policy (NDP), [] raising the consciousness of recipient nations [], at a time when [] is less adventurous than formerly in foreign

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25X1A [] affairs with the result that the real threat from the [] is made to seem of lesser importance. The
25X1A DCI solicited their thoughts, with respect to the U.S. plans, on how [] intentions should be portrayed to
25X1A third countries. In view of the implications for the disclosure of United States classified military information other than intelligence, i.e., releases not only about but also to [] the DCI recommended that the Secretary of State sponsor a review and revision of the National Disclosure Policy. A similar but separate letter to Secretary Brown has been prepared for the DCI's signature. (S/NF)

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25X1A 3. I have further determined that the action taken by the CIA/SIO was to assure that when intelligence on [] is requested for foreign disclosure, approvals could be given on a case-by-case basis after [] capabilities and intentions in relation to the [] threats had been assessed. (S/NF)

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25X1A 4. In view of the above information, I do not regard the issue raised in reference to be a matter for consideration by members of the DCI Security Committee. (U)

25X1A 5. A copy of this memorandum has been furnished the members of the DCI Security Committee. (U)

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cc: SECOM Members

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